

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 316, Authorizations for Use of Military Force Against Iraq.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1007–S1060

Measures Introduced: Forty-eight bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1020–1067, and S. Res. 133–138. **Pages S1052–53**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the 117th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 118–6)

Special Report entitled “Report on Legislative Activities of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, United States Senate, during the 117th Congress 2021–2022”. (S. Rept. No. 118–7) **Page S1051**

Measures Passed:

Authorizations for Use of Military Force Against Iraq: By 66 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 77), Senate passed S. 316, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1007–16**

Withdrawn:

Schumer Amendment No. 15, to add an effective date. **Page S1016**

Revised Definition of Waters of the United States: By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 79), Senate passed H.J. Res. 27, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Revised Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’”. **Pages S1017–24**

COVID–19 National Emergency Act: By 68 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 80), Senate passed H.J. Res. 7, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020. **Pages S1028–44**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 15, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition. **Page S1044**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S1044**

Condolences to the People of Turkiye and Syria: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 76, expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Turkiye and Syria following the devastating earthquake on February 6, 2023, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1044**

National Osceola Turkey Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 135, designating March 18, 2023, as “National Osceola Turkey Day”. **Page S1044**

Recognizing the Contributions of AmeriCorps: Senate agreed to S. Res. 136, recognizing the contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers to the lives of the people of the United States. **Page S1044**

Coast Guard Ombudsman Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 137, honoring the volunteers of the Coast Guard Ombudsman program on the Ombudsman Appreciation Day. **Page S1044**

Measures Considered:

Fire Grants and Safety Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 870, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs. **Pages S1016–17**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 78), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S1016–17**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023, and that all time be considered expired. **Page S1060**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–6) **Page S1046**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–7)

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Taylor-Kale Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, March 30, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and vote on confirmation thereon; and that upon disposition of the nomination, Senate resume Legislative Session. **Page S1060**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Matthew P. Brookman, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. **Page S1044**

Executive Communications: **Pages S1047–49**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S1049–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1053–54**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1054–59**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1045–46**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S1059**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S1059–60**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1060**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—80) **Pages S1016–17, S1023–24, S1044**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1060.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security.

DEFENSE INFORMATION NETWORKS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a hearing to examine enterprise cybersecurity to protect the Department of Defense Information Networks, after receiving testimony from John B. Sherman, Chief Information Officer, and Lieutenant General Robert J. Skinner, USAF, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

OIL DEPENDENCE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the cost of oil dependence in a low-carbon world, after receiving testimony from Claudio Galimberti, RystadEnergy, Houston, Texas; Gregor Semieniuk, University of Massachusetts, Amherst;